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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d) WITH STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) AND FEE**

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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated September 8, 2009
(and English translation thereof) issued in a counterpart
Japanese application;
- (2) Copies of cited foreign documents;
- (3) IDS Form; and
- (4) The USPTO fee of \$180 for filing an IDS at this stage of
prosecution (after issuance of a Final Office Action).

An English translation of said Japanese Office Action is
provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise
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USP 5,208,437 and USP 6,787,301 listed on the attached IDS Form are patent family members of JP 4-23453 and JP 2002-174778, respectively.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of September 8, 2009. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, with fee, is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d).

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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